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The Virginia Democracy.

It will be an inspiring sight to-day to see 1,500 Virginia Democrats assembled in convention.

The delegates come from all parts of the State as representatives of true Democracy, which is but another name in this Commonwealth for true Virginianism. They come representing a party which has always stood for individual rights and the highest type of popular government. They come representing a party which has a record of which any party might well be proud.

The Democratic party of Virginia has had an unbroken rule since 1883, when the State threw off the yoke of Mahoneism and committed its affairs once more to Democracy. Since that time its rule has rarely been disputed by an opposing party, and never threatened with defeat.

Under the Democratic regime the State debt has been settled, the credit of the State redeemed and thoroughly established; the public school system steadily improved, appropriations made from year to year for the care of worn out Confederate veterans; a new and up-to-date Constitution adopted, and statutory laws necessary to put it into effect enacted; the elective purged of the objectionable negro vote; a corporation commission created; a new library building erected, and a measure adopted to rebuild the State Capitol, needful improvements made at the penitentiary, and all the affairs of the State well cared for. The revenues of government have been ample to provide for interest on the public debt and for all the necessary expenses of government, yet without any increase in the tax rate, but a decrease of five cents on the hundred dollars.

Many millions of dollars have been collected and disbursed by Democratic officials; yet there has been no public scandal and only in few instances have subordinates proven to be unfaithful to their trust. We doubt if any State in the Union can show a better record on this score than the State of Virginia under Democratic rule.

The Primary.

The party with such a record commands the respect and good will of the voters of the State, and all that it need do to continue its control indefinitely is to live up to its record and its reputation. It is to be remembered, however, and kept well in mind by the delegates to the convention, that the party is now face to face with a new situation. Under the new electorate it will be easier than formerly for a strong minority party to spring up and exist. The Democratic party will not hereafter be held together by that adhesive force which proceeded from the fear of negro domination in some sections of the State. The negro question has been settled, so far as it relates to politics, and is no longer a political menace. The Democratic party must now more than ever be on its good behavior, and by clean methods and efficiency commend itself to the favorable consideration of the voters.

The party has reached a crisis in its history, and its continued success will, in our judgment, depend largely upon the action of the convention to-day assembled in several particulars.

First of all, there must be an honest and efficient primary election plan, which will give to the members of the party the opportunity of nominating by ballot candidates for State offices. There is some opposition here and there to the primary election plan, but every man who has any knowledge of political sentiment in Virginia knows that the Democratic masses are overwhelmingly in favor of the primary, as opposed to the mass meeting. The people demand a primary election plan, and it should be the earnest endeavor of the convention to formulate and promulgate a plan that will insure, as far as possible, a full and free and fair expression of the voters in all State contests, and it should be so

electric as to provide for each and every political division, at its option, a primary plan for the nomination of local officers. The primary election plan is already popular, and it should be the endeavor of the convention to make it more popular than ever, and surely not by loading it down with objectionable features, to make it unsatisfactory to the masses. It is with us a strong conviction, and we would impress it upon the convention with all possible force, that the welfare of the Democratic party and its continued control in Virginia depend in great measure upon the successful operation of the primary. The primary is essentially Democratic, and it is the duty of the Democratic party, as it is in the interest of true Democracy, to establish it and make it successful in its operation.

It is the duty of the convention to make and promulgate the plan, and not commit the task to the State Committee. The convention cannot afford to shirk this duty. It has no right to do so. The delegates are fresh from the people and know what their constituency desire. They have been commissioned to perform this service, and they cannot in duty saddle the obligation upon the State Committee.

The State Committee.

In addition to all this, it is of supreme importance to the Democratic party to choose its committeemen from Democrats of the best type, from Democrats who love the cause, and who are known to be clean and honest in their personal and political life. It will never do for the party in this crisis to commit its affairs to political tricksters and manipulators and grafters, who use their position to promote their own selfish ends. The primary election plan, however good, will not serve its purpose if the party machinery is put into the hands of tricksters and manipulators. In order to make the primary a success, the party manager must be in sympathy with its spirit and with the spirit of true Democracy.

The Platform.

We agree with Chairman Ellyson that the platform adopted should be brief and pointed. There is no occasion this year for a long rambling platform, for no matter what we say, after all, the platform for this year's contest will be made by the National Convention, and our delegates to St. Louis will have a hand in making it.

As to Instructions.

As for instructing the delegation to the St. Louis convention, sentiment is divided, and much will depend upon the development of sentiment in the convention. If the convention is practically unanimous for Parker, it may in a moment of enthusiasm adopt a resolution instructing for him. Such a resolution would undoubtedly add great strength to the Parker boom, and, as Colonel Joseph Burton has well said, "would put the Virginia delegation 'in the band wagon' as soon as it arrives on the ground." But if the convention should decide not to bind the delegation by a hard and fast instruction, it could accomplish much the same thing by adopting a resolution endorsing Parker's candidacy and instructing the delegation to vote as a unit, according as a majority of the delegates may elect.

Congratulations.

The convention meets under clear skies, literally and politically speaking. The Democratic party of Virginia is in excellent fighting trim. There is little dissension in its ranks. There is no practical disagreement on the fundamentals, and the party generally is in condition to give the St. Louis nominee its unqualified and enthusiastic support.

From every point of view congratulations and felicitations seem to be in order.

The Vice-Presidency.

General Fitz Lee authorized us yesterday to say for him that he had no idea that his name would be seriously considered as Democratic nominee for the vice-presidency. "The South," said General Lee, "will be sold from Maryland to Texas. The battleground will be located in New York and in three or four of the larger Western States, and therefore the nominees for the presidency and the vice-presidency should be men who can add greatest strength from those States."

There are many who believe that General Lee would be the strongest man that the South could bring forward for the vice-presidency. He was a Confederate soldier, but since that time he has been a soldier in the United States army. He did gallant service for his country, both as soldier and as civilian, during the Cuban trouble, and he is one of the most popular men in the United States, regardless of section. But this year the South is not disposed to push any of her distinguished men forward, for the reason that she believes there is a good chance for the Democratic party to elect a President, and she is desirous of having the strongest possible ticket nominated. General Lee and all other true Southern Democrats are willing to put personal honors aside this time and go in for the best interests of the party.

The Race Course Trust.

Speaking of trusts, there are few organized aggregations of monopoly that surpass the opulent but unostentatious racing trust. This organization controls the horses and jockeys and the tracks upon which "legitimate racing" is allowed in America. If any horse or jockey races on any other track, they are immediately outlawed. These recognized tracks derive enormous incomes from the sales of privileges to the book-makers, as well as from the sale of tickets for admission to the race-going public.

It is interesting to note that the attack on the pool rooms, which offer an easy means of gambling to clerks, women and boys, is being fiercely waged, and as a result of the sentiment that has been aroused the race tracks have adopted the pharisaical attitude of saying that they will not sell any more entrance tickets at a dollar and a half, and will, therefore, remove the temptation of gambling at the races from

those who are unable to pass. What a mockery is this sort of talk, for it is well known that the race tracks lobbied through the New York Legislature a bill that enables gambling to be carried on openly at the tracks, even though the book-makers ply their trade under a very shadow of signs, which proclaim the illegality of gambling.

If Messrs. Belmont, Keene, Whitney, Morris and the other high owners of the racing trust desire to protect the weaker and less well-to-do members of society from the snare of gambling, why do they not simply comply with the law and stop book-making altogether? Or is it that the great patrons of "the sport of kings" are in the horse racing business for money and not for sport or glory?

A Pennsylvania preacher has been severely rebuked by press and pulpit for pronouncing an eulogy at Senator Quay's funeral over the dead politician. "Such eulogies," says another preacher, in comment, "degrade the ministry in the minds of honest men, however much they may be momentarily pleased because of partisan bias, and certainly they are an abomination to God, especially when pronounced by one of His ambassadors." The way to avoid such inappropriate eulogies is to abolish the funeral sermon. It is heathenish, and ought not to be tolerated by Christianity.

A call has been issued by the Bryan Democrats of New York for a convention to be held in Cooper Union on June 18th. Among the signers is Judge Samuel Seabury, of the City Court, who complains that New York's candidate is "colorless." We hope that does not mean that the judge wants a candidate who is "colored." Or does he want a "yellow" candidate? If so, what's the matter with Hearst?

A Western paper furnishes the interesting news that owing to heavy rains of late the roads in Nebraska are so muddy that Colonel Bryan has been obliged to hire a hall in which to practice for the St. Louis walkout.

The "Jail cure," properly administered, in the leafy and searing month of June, is liable to have a very moving effect upon an otherwise adamant tongue and hermetically sealed lips.

The Sandwich Islands are officially declared to be for Mr. Hearst for President, presumably of the United States, but possibly of the aforesaid Islands.

The advance guard of the big convention had pretty well done up the town before the main body of the warring forces got on the scene.

The Virginia Japs and Russians will have it out at armory hall before Saturday night. No long, hot sieges for them.

The sealed lip councilman was not anxious for the sun to set on West twice in the Richmond jail, and he opened his mouth and spoke.

Your Uncle Grover's endorsement of Judge Parker does not seem to be hurting the eminent jurist to any alarming extent.

Something must have hit Mr. Pitt. Haven't heard a word about his vice-presidential boom for nearly a week.

In some way the art of grafting must get lost in Richmond, and the sooner the better.

Pence reigns in the Sixth District, and Congressman Glass now has only smooth sailing.

Parker may get it just by acclamation, and then where can the bolt come in.

Mr. Barksdale came, saw and vanquished.

With a Comment or Two.

Richmond proposes to outdistance even Edison and Marconi—it is going to solve the servant girl problem.—Norfolk Ledger.

Richmond has a way of settling the pace for most good movements.

"Five cents a line, six words to the line," is the printed instructions some of the weekly papers are giving to the fellows who write letters advocating candidates for office.—Raleigh Post.

Real sensible, up-to-date instructions, be those.

Of the three great executive officers of the Republic, President McKinley, of Ohio, Quay of Pennsylvania, and Platt of New York—but one now remains.—Albion (Ga.) Telegraph.

And he is out of commission, having married a young wife and gone to Europe.

North Carolina Sentiment.

The Wilmington Star remarks: Lots of people in this region still believe that Captain Kidd's treasure is buried on this coast. It is true, but for many a time by some folks, but they got nothing out of the ground. In the meantime others have picked up \$1,500.00 this spring by searching among the strawberry vines.

The Durham Herald says: We do not see why any factions cannot agree on Parker. He supported the free silver ticket on both occasions, and it is not the gold bugs who are kicking.

Referring finally to the recent tempest in the North Carolina teapot, the Charlotte Observer says:

It is noticeable that the honorable press of the State, which is jealous of its rights, but recognizes the others have rights also, is not unanimously willing to be dragged into an affair that it has nothing to do with, and has with some unanimity declined to throw its own abridgement of its proper privileges, which nobody troubles.

The Elizabeth City Tar Heel rejoices after this fashion: North Carolina Irish potatoes will no longer bring a good price, as the old crop is exhausted and the Charleston potatoes are poor and a short crop, while the Virginia potatoes are unusually late and crop poor. This will give our potato farmers a chance at a good scarce market North.

There should always be found a bottle of the famous Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It is good for everything, and the family and if taken at the start may counteract a long sick spell. No other is just as good nor so safe and reliable. It puts the stomach in a normal condition and cures Biliousness, constipated bowels, Dyspepsia, indigestion, Insomnia, Liver Troubles and Malaria. Doctors and Druggists recommend it. Try one bottle.

IN EVERY HOME

At the classics he's never had a chance. But in wisdom he led the whole dance, and smooth he was able to say: To take a time table And tell what it meant at a glance.

Fixing Next Census. Chicago ministers are insisting that it is the duty of the citizens there to marry early and rear large families. When read in connection with the announcement that "the government has evolved a plan to prevent census padding" you will have the key to the situation out there.—New York Herald.

HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS.



"Oh yes, 'FORCE' is a 'breakfast food.' But if you'll put a few berries and cream and sugar with it, you'll have as good a shortcake as Aunt Kate used to make—and with no indigestion to follow."

Summary June

If "late supper" folk ate more "FORCE" and less lobster, there wouldn't be so much to regret next day.

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Trend of Thought In Dixie Land

Chattanooga Times: The attempt of negroes to work in the furnaces at Ironport, Ohio, precipitated a riot that rendered the intervention of State troops necessary. The right to work, it appears, ought to be worth more to the negro than to have a representative make a speech seconding Mr. Roosevelt's nomination.

Atlanta Journal: Mr. Bryan asks again Judge Parker stands for. Just now it looks very much like he stands for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Augusta Chronicle: It is evident that what is mislabeled the New South is just as proud of its reputation for public affairs as was the South before the war. The younger men are adapting themselves to the new conditions, while retaining all of the glorious traditions of their fathers and their undying principles.

Memphis Commercial Appeal: An enterprising contemporary says it is not conceded that the Democratic factions will not get together at St. Louis. Oh, yes, but the dog may have some sense, and misunderstanding with his tail, but he will wag it all the same.

Personal and General.

Mrs. N. B. Duke, who carries \$350,000 worth of life insurance, is said to be the most heavily insured woman in the country.

Francis Sima, long a member of the Hungarian Parliament, has just died at Fairport, Ohio.

Jacob Baumgardt, fifty-four years old, of Racine, Wis., has invented a new life boat and is using it to give demonstrations in the presence of United States naval experts.

George F. Phillips, who was engineer of the collier Merrimack at the time she was sunk in the channel of Santiago harbor by Lieutenant Hobson, has just died in Boston.

On almost the identical spot where Roger Sherman welcomed President George Washington to New Haven, on a visit to the former's home, over a century ago, a tablet commemorative of the event was unveiled on Sunday last.

Young Vandals.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch: St. Just now there is being said a great deal about beautifying our city, etc. This is well, and a step in the right direction. But I should like to call the attention of the proper authorities to the defacement of so many of our nice houses, by children with chalk, etc. Last evening I took a walk, and was surprised at the large number of houses, especially corner ones, which were all marked and pictured. It is a shame to have to pay as high taxes as we do here, and then to have your property defaced in this manner, and to have to pay for the nuisance, and thus rendering our homes and city more beautiful.

I. B. S.

Richmond, Va.

A Few Foreign Facts.

In a parliamentary answer the Secretary of the British Admiralty gives the average annual cost of maintaining a first-class battleship of 13,000 tons as \$4,000 pounds.

The census of the inhabitants of the Philippine Islands, taken under the authority of the United States, shows the population to be 7,535,425. Of this number 67,740 are classified as wild and uncivilized, though with some knowledge of the domestic arts.

There are 190,277 professional beggars in Spain. In some of the cities beggars are licensed to carry on their trade. Begging is recognized as legitimate business, and the municipality demands a percentage upon the license. Several in the only city in the kingdom which forbids begging in the streets.

The latest estimate of the population of China is based upon a census, taken by order of the Imperial Government, for the purpose of raising taxes. It gives to China, proper, including the 18 provinces, 407,747,325 people. Manchuria is credited with 8,000,000, Mongolia with 3,000,000, and Tibet with 2,000,000. Turkestan with 428,000, making a grand total of 428,447,325.

How to Settle It.

The Savannah News comes right to the point with a solution of the Moroccan trouble. "It says:

It seems that the United States government might quickly solve the Moroccan problem, and that gentlemen out of danger of his life by paying the indemnity demanded by the bandits, and then notify Morocco that she must return the money, with interest, or take the consequences. There is at Washington a secret service force that might draw upon the emergency without waiting for congressional action. The navy cannot go into the mountains, and the army is not in the mood to do it. It could make matters mighty unpleasant for the Moroccan government by throwing a few shells into Tangier.

A Marvel.

At the classics he's never had a chance. But in wisdom he led the whole dance, and smooth he was able to say: To take a time table And tell what it meant at a glance.

—Salt Lake Herald.

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BASE-BALL YESTERDAY

New York Shut Out Pittsburgh "Pirates" and Brooklyn Defeated Chicago.

CLOSE RACE FOR FIRST PLACE

St. Louis Rolled Up Big Score and Lets Washington Down Without a Run.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Scores Yesterday.
New York, 2; Pittsburgh, 0.
Brooklyn, 5; Chicago, 1.
St. Louis, 6; Cincinnati, 5.
Philadelphia, 4; St. Louis, 3.

Where They Play To-day.
Pittsburgh at New York.
Chicago at Brooklyn.
Cincinnati at Boston.
St. Louis at Philadelphia.

Standing of the Clubs.

Clubs	Won	Lost	P.C.
New York	28	13	.683
Brooklyn	27	13	.675
Chicago	27	13	.675
Cincinnati	26	15	.632
St. Louis	26	15	.632
Pittsburgh	19	22	.461
Philadelphia	18	23	.439
Boston	14	28	.333
Washington	8	30	.212

Philadelphia, 4; St. Louis, 3.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., June 8.—Fraser's steady work in the box and timely hitting by Lush enabled the home team to defeat St. Louis in a fast game.

Score: R. H. E.
St. Louis..... 1 0 0 0 0 0 0—2 8 0
Philadelphia..... 0 1 1 0 0 0 0—4 8 1
Batteries: Corbett and Grady; Frazer and Doolin. Time, 1:25. Umpire, Moran. Attendance, 1,200.

Boston, 6; Cincinnati, 5.

BOSTON, MASS., June 8.—Boston won an extra inning game to-day, bunching hits with Cincinnati's misplays, after losing the fielding had apparently given the visitors a safe lead.

Score: R. H. E.
Boston..... 0 0 0 0 0 1 0—6 14 4
Cincinnati..... 0 0 1 2 1 0 0—5 8 1
Batteries: Willis and Needham; Elliot, Kellum and Schmid. Time, 2:05. Umpire, Johnston. Attendance, 1,251.

Brooklyn, 5; Chicago, 1.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., June 8.—By defeating Chicago in to-day's game at Brooklyn, Harry's men helped the New team to defeat St. Louis in a fast game.

Score: R. H. E.
Chicago..... 1 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 8 0
Brooklyn..... 2 2 0 0 0 1 0—5 8 0
Batteries: Wicker, Brown and Kling; Poole and Bergen. Time, 1:45. Umpire, Zimmer. Attendance, 2,000.

New York, 2; Pittsburgh, 0.

NEW YORK, June 8.—Although New York made only three hits off Philippi to-day, the locals shut out the Pittsburghers.

Score: R. H. E.
Pittsburgh..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 8 0
New York..... 1 0 0 0 1 0 0—2 3 2
Batteries: Philippi and Phelps; McGinnity and Warner. Attendance, 8,000. Umpire, Emslie and O'Day. Time, 1:40.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Scores Yesterday.

St. Louis, 12; Washington, 0.
Detroit, 3; Boston, 2.
New York, 5; Cleveland, 1.
Chicago, 8; Philadelphia, 2.

Where They Play To-day.

Boston at Detroit.
New York at Cleveland.

Standing of the Clubs.

Clubs	Won	Lost	P.C.
Boston	29	13	.690
Chicago	26	15	.632
Cleveland	26	15	.632
New York	27	17	.613
Philadelphia	27	20	.576
Detroit	14	26	.348
St. Louis	14	26	.348
Washington	7	23	.233

Detroit, 3; Boston, 2.

DETROIT, MICH., June 8.—Detroit won a good game from the champion Boston to-day.

Score: R. H. E.
Detroit..... 2 1 0 0 0 0 0—3 6 0
Boston..... 0 2 0 0 0 0 0—0 8 0
Batteries: Mullin and Buelow; Gibson, Winter and Cright. Time, 1:45. Umpire, O'Loughlin and King. Attendance, 1,000.

Cleveland, 1; New York, 4.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, June 8.—Fowell had Cleveland at his mercy to-day, allowing only two hits.

Score: R. H. E.
Cleveland..... 0 1 0 0 0 0 0—1 2 2
New York..... 1 3 0 0 0 0 0—4 11 0
Batteries: Donohue and Abbott; Power and McGuire. Time, 1:38. Umpire, Sheridan and Carpenter. Attendance, 3,200.

St. Louis, 12; Washington, 0.

ST. LOUIS, MO., June 8.—St. Louis shut out Washington here to-day. Gladie was invincible and allowed only two hits.

Score: R. H. E.
St. Louis..... 1 4 1 0 0 0 2—12 18 0
Washington..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 8 2
Batteries: Glad